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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Abstract on a separate sheet;
3. Paper copy of a Sequence Listing;
4. Sequence Listing in computer readable form;
5. Copy of Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing previously filed in copending U.S. Appl. No. 10/391,216 on March 19, 2003, with date-stamped postcard;
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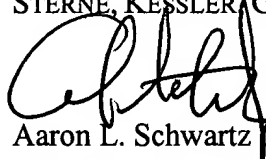
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